

method comprises:

B7 injecting an animal with a polypeptide as defined in claim
19; and F
isolating antibodies produced by the animal.--

REMARKS

The above amendments have been made to reduce the number of claims prior to calculation of the filing fee and to eliminate the multiple claim dependencies.

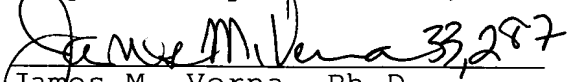
Favorable action on the application is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Evenson, McKeown, Edwards & Lenahan, P.L.L.C., Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #147/37315D2).

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